

Podcast Transcript

Topic: 2013 EducationUSA College and Careers Fairs

Intro:

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Narration/Question: (Presenter, Sani): Hi Jennifer! It's good to have you on this forum, once again. It's that time of the year, I notice, when you intensify your engagements with students. What's happening this year?

Response: (Education Advisor, Jennifer Onyukwu):

Thank you very much Sani. You are right. In October this year, the U.S. Mission EducationUSA Advising Centers in Nigeria are hosting their 14th annual College and Careers fairs in Lagos, October 7-8 and Abuja, October 9-10, 2013. From our previous records of attendance, we are expecting over 3000 students from various parts of the country to participate in these fairs. You know, these fairs provide students the opportunity to explore the vitality and diversity of U.S. colleges and universities as well as opportunity to meet one-on-one with U.S. university recruiters.

Question: (Presenter, Sani): Could you give me some more background on EducationUSA?

Response: (Education Advisor, Jennifer Onyukwu):

EducationUSA Advising Centers in Nigeria are part of a global network of more than 500 advising centers in the world that are supported by the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs Office in Washington, D.C. Our centers provide accurate, comprehensive and current information on accredited institutions of higher learning in the U.S.

Question: (Presenter, Sani): Besides these annual events, how can students reach you?

Response: (Education Advisor, Jennifer Onyukwu): The Advising Center in Abuja provides FREE weekly orientation sessions on undergraduate and graduate admissions in the U.S. These sessions are held every Wednesday at the Cyprian Ekwensi Center for Arts & Culture, Area 10 Garki and they are open to students, parents and the general public. The only times that we are not at the Arts & Culture to provide free orientation are on American and Nigerian holidays. In addition, the center engages in outreaches to secondary schools, universities and institutions in Abuja and other cities in the north to discuss opportunities for study in the U.S.

Question: (Presenter, Sani): So, if I just attend this open orientation, that's it, I am in?

Response: (Education Advisor, Jennifer Onyukwu): That's just one step. There is another fully-packaged program that we call "The Membership Program." The EducationUSA membership program is on an individual basis. It is available to interested and qualified students for a fee. Academically stellar students at both undergraduate and graduate level can also access the program based on a fee waiver or scholarship.

Question: (Presenter, Sani): Okay, I am in. I am registered. But what about – if I have a friend or someone else who is interested in this program – what should the person do?

Response: (Education Advisor, Jennifer Onyukwu): For more information on the College and Career Fairs, please call: 0803-825-5015, 0803-408-1196, or 0803-665-1222.

Closing: Thank you Jennifer

Thank you so much, Sani

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